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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sette *et al.*

Application No.: 09/350,401

Filed: July 8, 1999

For: INDUCING CELLULAR IMMUNE
RESPONSES TO HEPATITIS B VIRUS
USING PEPTIDE AND NUCLEIC ACID
COMPOSITIONS

Examiner Ronald B. Schwadron, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1644

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed July 3, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment. Enclosed herewith a fee authorization for an extension of time for one month from August 3, 2001 to September 4, 2001 (September 3 being a Sunday).

The required computer readable form and paper copy of the sequence listing were submitted in Applicants' response mailed March 20, 2001. The paper copy of the sequence information was printed from the floppy disk. The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "Fastseq" and is identical to that of the paper copy. As the Office Communication did not note deficiencies in the sequence listing (either the computer readable form or the paper copy), and, further, to avoid an additional paper burden to the PTO in view of the 830 page length of the sequence listing, Applicants have not submitted new copies with the current Amendment. If the Examiner requires new copies, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

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